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NEWS SUMMARY:

United States Attorney Steven M. Biskupic announced that on January 17, 2007, a grand jury sitting in the Eastern District of Wisconsin has returned a twenty-count indictment against Dennis Lee Metallo (DOB: 09/12/1960), of Kenosha, Wisconsin for attempted enticement of a minor, attempting to cause the transport of a minor with the intent to engage in sexual activity, and distribution and possession of child pornography.

Specifically, the first count of the indictment alleges that Dennis Metallo in December of 2006, knowingly attempted to cause the transport of a minor girl in interstate commerce from Colorado to the Eastern District of Wisconsin, with the intent that the girl engage in illicit sexual activity with Metallo. This charge carries a maximum term of imprisonment of thirty years, followed by a term of supervised release of five (5) years. The second count of the indictment alleges that from July 27, 2006, to December 27, 2006, Metallo knowingly used a computer connected to the internet to attempt to persuade, induce, entice and coerce a minor to engage in sexual activity. This charge carries a minimum penalty of ten years in federal prison to a maximum of life imprisonment, followed by a term of supervised release of up to life.

Counts three through nineteen of the indictment alleges that Metallo distributed child pornography on various dates commencing on September 11, 2006, through December 19, 2006. These charges carry a minimum penalty of five years in federal prison to a maximum of twenty years imprisonment, followed by a term of supervised release of up to life. Count twenty of the indictment alleges that Metallo was in possession of child pornography on December 27, 2006. This charge carries a maximum term of imprisonment of ten years, followed by a term of supervised release of up to life. Each count carries a fine of \$250,000.00.

The government is also seeking forfeiture of any property used or intended to be used to commit or to facilitate the commission of the violations set forth in the indictment. Specifically, the government seeks the forfeiture of the two computers allegedly used by

Metallo in the facilitation of the offenses as well as the forfeiture of a Nikon digital camera.

On January 18, 2007, Metallo was arraigned before Magistrate Judge William E. Callahan, Jr., on the charges set forth in the indictment. A jury trial is scheduled to commence on April 2, 2007, before the Honorable Chief U.S. District Judge Rudolph T. Randa.

This case was the result of a joint investigation by the Colorado Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the Wisconsin Department of Justice-Division of Criminal Investigation, and the Milwaukee Police Department, Criminal Investigation Bureau, High Technology Unit.

The public is cautioned that an indictment is a formal method of issuing charges and does not constitute evidence of guilt. An individual is presumed innocent until the government establishes guilt by proof beyond a reasonable doubt.

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